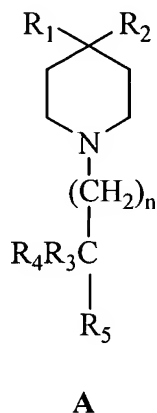


In the claims:

Claims 1-100 (**canceled**)

101. (**currently amended**) A compound represented by A:



wherein

R represents H, alkyl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, alkenyl, [[aryl,]] 5-, 6-, or 7-membered single-ring aromatic group that includes zero heteroatoms, acyl, or sulfonyl;

R<sub>1</sub> represents optionally substituted [[carbocyclic aryl]] 5-, 6-, or 7-membered single-ring aromatic group that includes zero heteroatoms;

R<sub>2</sub> represents RO-alkyl, (R)<sub>2</sub>N-alkyl, RS-alkyl, RO-cycloalkyl, (R)<sub>2</sub>N-cycloalkyl, or RS-cycloalkyl;

R<sub>3</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>4</sub> represents H, alkyl, -OR, or F;

R<sub>5</sub> represents an optionally substituted thiophene group;

n is 0, 1, or 2; and

the stereochemical configuration at any stereocenter of a compound represented by A is *R*, *S*, or a mixture of these configurations.

102. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is optionally substituted phenyl.

103. (**previously presented**) The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is RO-alkyl.

104. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 0.
105. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>2</sub> is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.
106. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R<sub>3</sub> is H, alkyl, or F.
107. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein n is 1; and R<sub>4</sub> is H, alkyl, or F.
108. **(previously presented)** The compound of claim 101, wherein R<sub>1</sub> is phenyl, R<sub>2</sub> is HO-alkyl, and n is 0.